

# McAleeer Deicides to Play "Doc" Gessler on First Base for Washington Club

## COLLINS IN FRONT OF BATTING LIST IN AMERICAN LEAGUE

Athletics' Demon Has Average of .510, With McInnis Next.

Eddie Collins, the demon slugger and jumping-jack base runner of the Athletics, is leading the American League with the bat, hitting for .510 up to Thursday.

"Doc" Gessler is the leading slugger of the Nationals, hitting for .485, but Norman Elberfeld and Herman Schaefer are also in the charmed circle above .400.

The Nationals, with 102 hits, are the second list in the league as a slugging club, the Browns coming behind them. They are last when it comes to long hits, having nineteen doubles, five triples, and no homers. Detroit and the Athletics are the far flung wall-poppers of the league, with Cleveland close after. Eddie Collins leads the ten leading sluggers with a grand average of .510.

In fielding as a club the Nationals stand fifth with .948, being tied with Cleveland.

**Batting Averages.**

Records of all players who have played in five or more games up to and including Wednesday, May 3, follow:

Player	Club	AB	R	H	B	SH	AV
E. Collins	Ath.	15	3	18	1	0	.510
Bodie	Chi.	15	6	8	1	0	.500
Mullen	Det.	15	6	8	0	0	.500
McInnis	Ath.	15	3	8	0	0	.485
Lajoie	Cle.	15	6	12	2	0	.479
Jackson	Cle.	14	1	13	2	0	.464
Cree	N. Y.	14	5	10	0	0	.464
Lapp	Ath.	14	5	10	0	0	.464
Lavengston	Ath.	13	5	3	1	0	.461
Gahner	Det.	13	5	11	2	0	.461
Engle	Bos.	13	6	11	2	0	.461
Dougherty	Chi.	13	4	10	1	0	.461
Murphy	Ath.	13	5	10	1	0	.461
Cobb	Det.	13	5	10	1	0	.461
Crawford	Det.	13	6	11	2	0	.461
AINSMITH	Wash.	13	7	10	0	0	.461
Easterly	Chi.	13	6	11	2	0	.461
Speuker	Bos.	13	6	10	1	0	.461
Cris	St. L.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Quinn	N. Y.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
ELBERFELD	Wash.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Chase	N. Y.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
SCHAEFER	Wash.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Autin	St. L.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Strunk	Ath.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Clarke	St. L.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Laporte	St. L.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
H. Lord	Chi.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Walsh	Chi.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Combs	Ath.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Wallace	St. L.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Carigan	Bos.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Yerkes	Bos.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Moriarty	Det.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Johnson	N. Y.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Hartzen	N. Y.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
MILAN	Wash.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
McIntyre	Chi.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Kilgus	Chi.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Graney	Cle.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Hooper	Bos.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
L. Gardner	Chi.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
SOMERLOTT	Wash.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
STREET	Wash.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Williams	Bos.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Stovall	Chi.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Oldring	Ath.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
J. Collins	Chi.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Williams	St. L.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Shotton	St. L.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
D. Jones	Det.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Lewis	Bos.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Johnson	Det.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Tannehill	Chi.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
LELIVET	Wash.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Hempill	N. Y.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Wagner	Cle.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Wolter	N. Y.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
McConnell	Chi.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Wiggins	St. L.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Murray	St. L.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Bugh	Det.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Delephant	Det.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Brundage	Chi.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Smith	Chi.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Sullivan	Chi.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Hoffman	St. L.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Turner	Chi.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Knight	N. Y.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Gregg	Cle.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
H. Lord	Ath.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
T. Jones	Chi.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Zoller	Chi.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
C'NGHIM	Wash.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Payne	Chi.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Barry	Ath.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
MILLER	Wash.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Thomas	Ath.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Schweitzer	St. L.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Land	Chi.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
GRAY	Wash.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Daniels	N. Y.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
HENRY	Wash.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
McBRIDE	Wash.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Newman	St. L.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Blair	N. Y.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
H. Davis	Ath.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Olson	Chi.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Wenmaker	Bos.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Scott	Chi.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Sweeney	N. Y.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Trapp	Cle.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Kaiser	Bos.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Hogan	Ath.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
C'NGROV	Wash.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
George	St. L.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
Wagner	Bos.	13	6	10	0	0	.461
GROOM	Wash.	13	6	10	0	0	.461

Club	AB	R	H	B	SH	AV
Chi.	15	58	104	17	37	.223
Athletics	15	50	145	18	34	.284
Boston	15	61	126	17	25	.288
Cleveland	15	50	123	16	21	.288
Chicago	15	47	122	17	21	.288
New York	15	41	121	15	24	.285
WASHINGTON	15	47	121	13	11	.282
St. Louis	15	46	121	12	17	.282

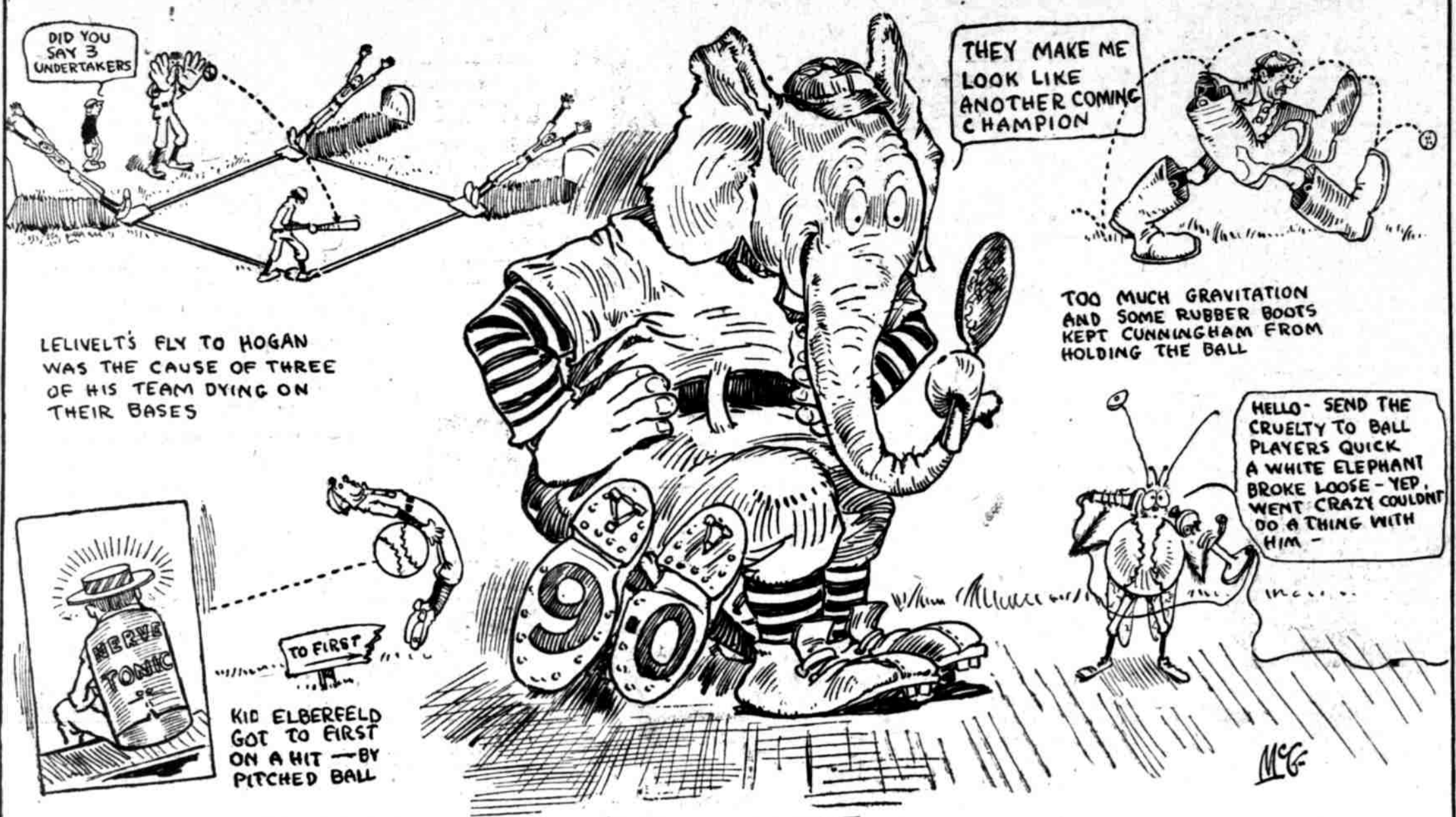
Club	PO.	A.	E.	AV.
Det.	15	402	194	.267
Athletics	15	402	194	.267
Chicago	15	382	180	.260
Boston	15	374	175	.254
WASHINGTON	15	384	171	.253
Cleveland	15	366	167	.248
New York	14	356	161	.243
St. Louis	17	432	231	.401

Club	G.	R.	AV.
Cobb	18	18	1.00
Jackson	18	18	1.00
D. Jones	18	17	.94
Engle	18	16	.88
Bush	18	12	.67
Lajoie	18	12	.67
Autin	18	11	.61
Crawford	18	11	.61
Moriarty	18	11	.61
Graney	18	11	.61

Club	G.	S.B.	AV.
Collins	15	11	.73
Zeller	15	8	.53
Dougherty	15	8	.53
Cobb	15	9	.60
Crawford	15	6	.44
Chase	15	7	.47
Autin	15	7	.47
MILAN	15	5	.33
Clidring	15	5	.33
Moriarty	15	6	.40

Club	Hits	Runs	Grand
E. Collins	4	0	.20
Cree	4	0	.34
Cobb	4	0	.34
Jackson	4	0	.34
Lajoie	4	0	.34
Murphy	4	0	.34
Speuker	4	0	.34
Gahner	4	0	.34
Engle	4	0	.34
Laporte	4	0	.34

## White-Garbed Pachyderm Already Has Sweet Visions, Says "Mac"



## NO JOKE, IT WAS A REAL BAD BEATING

"Steamboat Bill" Otey Had to Unload His Passengers, and Groom Couldn't Prevent Athletics From Gobbling Everything at the Picnic.

By "SENATOR"

As the excursion steamer William Otey was leaving her moorings at Florida avenue yesterday, a heavy gale struck her about the mizenmast between the smoke hold and the kitchen. After her captain had made three ineffectual attempts to keep her on her course, he was compelled to put back and unload his passengers, and start over again on the trim, long racing launch Robert Groom. By that time there wasn't any need of sailing to that picnic, for a lot of rough-necks from Philadelphia had got there first and had gobbled up everything.

**Anything But a Joke.**

All joking aside, there wasn't any use of starting against those Philadelphia chaps yesterday. They were hitting wickedly, fielding beautifully, and luck?—say, every man sleeps in a crib trimmed with nags' feet. The result was that the first whitewashing of the 1911 season was handed to our pets and Jeems Robert McAleeer, master of our weal and woe, considers shifting his team around. A 9-to-0 defeat makes you keep awake nights and see those pink tigers romping with the sea-green alligators.

Yes, in that very first session pain leaked from the grandstand in large gobs. "Steamboat Bill" Otey lost his compass, struck up against a lighter and wallowed around as if in mortal agony. The fans were, anyway, Oldring had splintered the pavilion fence in left for a bingle with one down, and Otey rose to the occasion and fanned E. Collins, jumping Jack. But then Bill's compass fell overboard into the liquid.

**Frank Baker Walks.**

Frank Baker looked pleasant and Otey walked him. That was just after Bill Cunningham's right hand had melted away before the heat of Ainsmith's roses to catch the flying Oldring. Then Harry Davis looked pleasant and Otey walked him. Then Murphy looked pleasant, etc., forcing in Oldring. "Steamboat Bill" didn't look over good that minute, but Lelivelt closed hostilities by getting under McInnis' balloon.

Getting by the second sander in side, it remained for the third to wreck the noble scow William Otey. When the passengers were rescued from their peril the wreck was fast going to pieces, the waves rolling clear over her. Rubie Oldring dug out a single to center and was sacrificed by Collins. Baker ripped a double to center, scoping Oldring. Jeems McAleeer rolled his left thumb over his right thumb and back again.

Kidlets Elberfeld earned some applause when he seized Davis' boulder and tagged Baker trying to make third, but Murphy came to time with a ripping double to left and "Stuffy" McInnis screamed a triple to center, sending Davis and Murphy across. Really, something ought to have been done with that fellow McInnis. But what do you know? Ira Thomas sailed right into Otey's slants and picked off another triple to left making over Jack Lelivelt, and then a cloud flew over Jack Lelivelt, and Danny Murphy tried to hit it with the ball, reaching third before the pill came down to earth. Ira Thomas walked.

**Rescue Badly Needed.**

Jeems Robert McAleeer, reposing on the bench, offered one slightly used cigarette and a perfectly good car ticket to the young man of his staff who should go to the rescue of the old scow out there. Robert Groom, perpendicular person, essayed the task. He was inclined to grieve last night because a terrible gale blew upon him.

In the fifth Bill Cunningham wore boots on hands and feet and Baker got a job on the bag. He hustled to third on Davis' single to right, and came in when Murphy sent up a sacrifice fly to Conroy. But the eighth inning provided all those things that caused the Midland Menonites and the ten foolish virgins scattered around the field to groan. Robert got his about then.

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**Amidon Is Vanquished.**

The American A. C. won from the Sixth Grade of the Amidon School team by 3 to 1. Batteries for American A. C., Thorpe, Lober, and Smith; for Amidon, Williams and Herbert.

**Batting Game's Feature.**

The batting of Kintz, Tucker, and Taylor, of the Riverside team, featured the game with the strong Spartan A. C. yesterday. The score was 4 to 2.

**Washington Jockey Club.**

Georgetown Preps, 16; Business All-Stars, 6.

Seamen Gunners, 5; Naval Medical College, 1.

Riverside A. C., 4; Spartan A. C., 2.

American A. C., 3; Sixth Grade, Amidon, 1.

Rockets, 8; C. Street A. C., 5.

Twining, 6; Deltery A. C., 5.

Chickelows, 9; Thompsons, 0.

Mailing Division, 6; Anacostia, 5.

## GESSLER TO TAKE FIRST SACK TODAY AS AN EXPERIMENT

Henry and Somerlott Have Not Come Up to the Demands.

By "SENATOR"

Doc Gessler is to be given a chance at first base by Manager McAleeer, of the Nationals, starting today at that position.

Before the season opened it was rumored that he might be played there, but the surprisingly good showing made by John Henry in Atlanta shelled the plan. Now that Henry and Somerlott have failed to produce the swatting goods demanded, Gessler is to be placed on the bag.

Gessler practiced at first base this morning, and seemed able to scoop up the low ones in pretty good style. However, it will take several days for him to acquire smoothness in his work.

Mack Here Monday.

Manager Pro Tem. Harry Davis, of the Athletics, has heard from Connie Mack, and the latter will arrive here Monday, ready to accompany his team to St. Louis where they open a four-game series on Wednesday.

"Connie has had a severe cold," explains Davis, "and it might have led to pleurisy easily. However, he stayed at home and took care of himself. Now all danger is gone, and he will be with us on Monday."

The Athletics count on returning home from their swing around the Western circuit in second place, and in a position to give the Detroit Tigers a battle for that leading position.

**Elberfeld's Hand Bothered.**

Kid Elberfeld's right hand continues to bother him, and is swollen badly. "I have never quite recovered from that accident when Myers, of the Red Sox bumped into me here," said the tabacco youngster today. "It pains me somewhat at night, and I am treating it carefully. The osteopath in Philadelphia told me to take it easy for a while, and that it would gradually heal. I wish it would come around faster than that."

**Pleased With Lelivelt.**

Manager McAleeer is well pleased with the improved playing of Jack Lelivelt. The Chicago boy has begun to hit the ball, and his fielding in the right corner is all that is wanted.

"I feel that Jack will be there in right field this season," said Jimmy McAleeer today. "He feels more naturally there than anywhere else on the team, and as soon as he begins to drive the ball safely, he will be in it. It is his hit the ball hard, but can't quite keep it away from the fielders."

**McAleeer's "Tiring" Ride.**

Five bursted tires inside of an hour is the sad tale told today by Jimmy McAleeer. He went for a ride in a motor car last night, and had gone about four miles when a tire went by the board.

The substitute then did likewise. "We telephoned for another car," says the Nationals' boss. "It came and took us half a mile before another tire went up. A second substitute did likewise, and we started riding back on the tire when a second on the other side of the machine blew out.

"That was enough for me. I got out and rode home in a taxicab. But what do you think of five bursted tires inside of an hour? Isn't that a regular rare-bit dream?"

## Baseball Standings

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Games Today.

Athletics at Washington.

Boston at New York.

Detroit at St. Louis.